

CHAPTER 91
WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING SEASONS

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571—91.1(481A) Ducks (split season). Open season for hunting ducks shall be September 19 to September 23, 1998; October 10 to December 3, 1998, in that portion of the state lying north of a line beginning on the Nebraska-Iowa border at State Highway 175, southeast to State Highway 37, east to U.S. Highway 59, south to I-80 and along I-80 east to the Iowa-Illinois border; and September 19 to September 23, 1998; October 17 to December 10, 1998, in that portion of the state lying south of a line beginning on the Nebraska-Iowa border at State Highway 175, southeast to State Highway 37, east to U.S. Highway 59, south to I-80 and along I-80 east to the Iowa-Illinois border. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day.

91.1(1) Bag limit. The daily bag limit of ducks is 6, and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 3 mottled ducks, 2 red-head and 1 canvasback. The daily bag limit of mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser.

91.1(2) Possession limit. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

571—91.2(481A) Coots (split season). Same as duck season dates and shooting hours.

91.2(1) Bag and possession limits. Daily bag limit is 15 and possession limit is 30.

91.2(2) Reserved.

571—91.3(481A) Geese. The north goose hunting zone is that part of Iowa north of a line beginning on the Nebraska-Iowa border at State Highway 175, east to State Highway 37, southeast to U.S. Highway 59, south to I-80 and along I-80 to the Iowa-Illinois border. The south goose hunting zone is the remainder of the state. The open season for hunting Canada geese only is September 12 and 13, 1998, west of State Highway 63 in the north goose hunting zone only, except on the Big Marsh Wildlife Area where the season will remain closed. The open season for hunting Canada geese, white-fronted geese and brant is October 3 to December 11, 1998, in the north goose hunting zone and October 3 to October 11 and October 17 to December 16, 1998, in the south goose hunting zone. The open season for hunting snow geese is October 3 to December 29, 1998, statewide, and will reopen statewide from February 20 to March 10, 1999. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day.

91.3(1) Bag limit. Daily bag limit is 2 white-fronted geese, 2 brant, 20 snow geese, and 2 Canada geese through October 31 and 1 Canada goose thereafter, except in the south zone where the daily bag limit is 2 Canada geese beginning December 1.

91.3(2) Possession limit. Possession limit is 4 Canada geese, 4 white-fronted geese, 4 brant and no possession limit on snow geese.

571—91.4(481A) Closed areas. Waterfowl and coots may be hunted statewide except in specific areas.

91.4(1) *Waterfowl and coots.* There shall be no open season for ducks, coots and geese on the east and west county road running through sections 21 and 22, township 70 north, range 43 west, Fremont County; three miles of U.S. Highway 30, located on the south section lines of sections 14, 15, and 16, township 78 north, range 45 west, Harrison County; on the county roads immediately adjacent to, or through, Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge, Kossuth County; Louisa County Road X61 from the E-W centerline of section 29, township 74 north, range 2 west, on the south, to the point where it crosses Michael Creek in section 6, township 74 north, range 2 west on the north, and also all roads through or adjacent to sections 7, 18, and 19 of this same township and roads through or adjacent to sections 12 and 13, township 74 north, range 3 west; the levee protecting the Green Island Wildlife Area from the Mississippi River in Jackson County wherever the levee is on property owned by the United States or the state of Iowa; certain dikes at Otter Creek Marsh, Tama County, where posted as such; and the NE¼, section 23 and the N½, section 24, all in township 70 north, range 19 west, Appanoose County, including county roads immediately adjacent thereto; and all privately owned lands in the S½, section 30, township 71 north, range 20 west, Lucas County, including the county road immediately adjacent thereto; Cerro Gordo County Road S14 and its right-of-way, between its junction with U.S. Highway 18 and County Road B-35, and portions of Clear Lake and Ventura Marsh; where posted as such in Cerro Gordo County. That portion of Summit Lake located south of State Highway 25 in the west ½ of the NW¼ of section 2 (22 acres), and the west ½ of section 3 (100 acres), T72N, R31W in Union County.

91.4(2) *Canada geese.* There shall be no open season on Canada geese in certain areas described as follows:

a. Area one. Portions of Emmet County bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of section 3, township 98 north, range 33 west; thence east on the county road a distance of five miles; thence south on the county road a distance of three and one-half miles; thence west on the county road a distance of four miles; then continuing west one mile to the southwest corner of the northwest one-quarter of section 22, township 98 north, range 33 west; thence north on the county road to the point of beginning.

b. Area two. Portions of Clay and Palo Alto Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of County Roads N14 and B17 in Clay County, thence south four miles on N14 (including the road right-of-way), thence east one-half mile, thence east one mile on a county road, thence north one mile on a county road, thence east one mile on a county road to County Road N18, thence south and east approximately one mile on N18, thence east one and one-half miles on a Palo Alto County Road, thence north two miles on a county road, thence east approximately one and one-half miles on a county road, thence north two miles on a county road to County Road B17, thence west six miles to the point of beginning.

c. Area three. A portion of Dickinson County bounded as follows: Beginning at a point four and one-half miles west of the east junction of Highways 9 and 71; thence north along a county road to its junction with Dickinson County Road A15; thence generally north about three miles along A15 to its junction with Dickinson County Road M56; thence east along A15 about one and one-half miles; thence north along county roads to the Iowa-Minnesota state line; thence west along the state line seven and one-half miles; thence south along Highway 86 five miles to Highway 9; thence east along Highways 9 and 71 to the point of beginning.

d. Area four. Portions of Winnebago and Worth Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at a point two and one-half miles east of Lake Mills, Iowa, at the junction of State Highway 105 and County Road S10 (also named Bluebill Ave.); thence south along County Road S10 (including the right-of-way), i.e., Bluebill Ave., three-fourths mile to 448th St.; thence east three-fourths mile on 448th St. to Cardinal Ave.; thence south one-fourth mile to 445th St.; thence east one-fourth mile to Cedar Ave.; thence south one-half mile on Cedar Ave. to 440th St.; thence east three-fourths mile on 440th St. to Dove Ave.; thence south on Dove Ave. one-half mile to 435th St.; thence east one-fourth mile on 435th St. to Dove Ave.; thence south on Dove Ave. to County Road A34; thence east one mile on County Road A34 (including the right-of-way) to Evergreen Ave.; thence south two miles to County Road A38 (also named 410th St.); thence west eight and one-half miles along County Road A38 including the right-of-way; thence north four miles along County Road R72 (also named 210th Ave.) (including the right-of-way); thence east along State Highway 69 approximately one mile (including the right-of-way) to the intersection with State Highway 105; thence east along State Highway 105 (including the right-of-way) five miles to the point of beginning.

e. Area five. On any federal or state-owned lands or waters of the Rathbun Reservoir Project west of State Highway 142 in Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne Counties, including all federal, state, and county roads through or immediately adjacent thereto.

f. Area six. On Brown's Slough and the Colyn Area in Lucas County.

g. Area seven. Portions of Guthrie and Dallas Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of State Highways 4 and 44 in Panora; thence north along State Highway 4 (including the right-of-way) to County Road F25; thence east along County Road F25 (including the right-of-way) to Dallas County Road P46; thence south along P46 (including the right-of-way) to State Highway 44; thence west along State Highway 44 (including the right-of-way) to the point of beginning.

h. Area eight. A portion of Adams County bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 148 and Adams County Road N53 in Corning; thence east and north along Adams County Road N53 approximately 12 miles to Adams County Road H20 (including the right-of-way); thence westerly along Adams County Road H20 (including the right-of-way) to State Highway 148; thence south along State Highway 148 (including the right-of-way) about one-half mile; thence west along Adams County Road H20 about four miles; thence south along unnumbered county roads about eight miles to Adams County Road H34; thence east along Adams County Road H34 (including the right-of-way) to State Highway 148; thence north along Highway 148 about three-fourths mile to the point of beginning.

i. Area nine. Portions of Monona and Woodbury Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the Iowa-Nebraska state line along the Missouri River in Monona County at the southwest corner of the NW¼ of section 18, township 82 north, range 45 west; extending one and one-half miles east along an unnumbered county road to the center of section 17, township 82 north, range 45 west; then north one mile along county road to the center of section 8, township 82 north, range 45 west; thence east one mile along county road to the intersection of Monona County Roads K45 and E60; thence north and northwest approximately 20 miles along Monona County Road K45 to the junction with State Highway 970 in Woodbury County; thence continuing northwest along State Highway 970 (including the right-of-way) approximately 13 miles to the intersection with 220th Street; thence west approximately 3 miles along the Sergeant Bluff Drainage Ditch to the Iowa-Nebraska state line along the Missouri River; thence southerly along the state line approximately 43 miles to the point of beginning.

j. Area ten. Portions of Winnebago and Hancock Counties bounded as follows: On all lands and waters managed by the Winnebago County Conservation Board at Thorpe Park, the Thorpe Recreation Area and the Russ Wildlife Area in Winnebago and Hancock Counties.

k. Area eleven. Starting at the junction of the navigation channel of the Mississippi River and the mouth of the Maquoketa River in Jackson County, proceeding southwesterly along the high-water line on the west side of the Maquoketa River to U.S. Highway 52, south along U.S. Highway 52 (including the right-of-way) to the intersection with County Road Z-40, south on County Road Z-40 (including the right-of-way) to the junction with U.S. Highway 64, east on U.S. Highway 64 to the Sioux Line Railroad at Sabula, north and west along the Sioux Line Railroad to the east edge of section 27, township 85N, range 6 east, north to the intersection of sections 27 and 22, west along the common boundary of sections 27 and 22 and sections 28 and 21, township 85N, range 6 east, to the Green Island levee, northeast along a line following the Green Island levee to the center of the navigational channel of the Mississippi River, north along the center of the navigational channel to the point of beginning.

l. Area twelve. Portions of Polk, Warren, Jasper, and Marion Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of County Road G40 and Iowa Highway 14 in Marion County; thence north along Highway 14 to Iowa Highway 163 in Jasper County; thence north and west along Highway 163 to State Highway 316; thence south and east along Highway 316 (including the right-of-way) to Iowa Highway 5; thence south and east along Highway 5 to County Road G40 in Marion County; thence east along County Road G40 to the point of beginning.

m. Area thirteen. Portions of Van Buren and Davis Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of Iowa Highway 16 and Iowa Highway 98 in Van Buren County; thence east and south along Highway 16 to County Road W40 in Van Buren County; thence south and west along County Road W40 to Iowa Highway 2 in Van Buren County; thence south and east along Highway 2 to Iowa Highway 81 in Van Buren County; thence south and west along Highway 81 to the Iowa-Missouri border; thence west along the Iowa-Missouri border to Iowa Highway 15 in Van Buren County; thence north along Highway 15 to County Road J56 in Van Buren County; thence west along County Road J56 to County Road V42 in Davis County; thence north along County Road V42 to County Road J40 in Davis County; thence east and south along County Road J40 to County Road V64 in Van Buren County; thence north along County Road V64 to Iowa Highway 98 in Van Buren County; thence north along Highway 98 to the point of beginning.

n. Area fourteen. Portions of Bremer County bounded as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of section 4, township 93 north, range 11 west; thence south 16 miles, then east one-half mile, then south one mile along Bremer County Road V56; thence west 4½ miles along a county road right-of-way to Bremer County Road V49; thence north 4 miles along Bremer County Road V49 to Iowa Highway 3; thence west 2 miles along Iowa Highway 3 to Bremer County Road V43; thence north 4 miles along Bremer County Road V43 to Bremer County Road C33; thence west 4 miles along Bremer County Road C33 to U.S. Highway 63; thence north 9 miles along U.S. Highway 63 to the Bremer-Chickasaw County line; thence east 10 miles along the Bremer-Chickasaw County line to the point of beginning.

o. Area fifteen. Portions of Butler County bounded as follows: Beginning at the junction of Highway 3 and County Road T16, thence south 8 miles on County Road T16 to its intersection with County Road C55, thence east 9 miles on County Road C55 to its intersection with Highway 14, thence north 8 miles on Highway 14 to its intersection with Highway 3, thence west 9 miles on Highway 3 to the point of beginning; but, excluding those lands within this bounded area managed by the Iowa department of natural resources as the Big Marsh Management Area.

p. Area sixteen. A portion of Union County bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highways 34 and 169 near Thayer; thence west along U.S. Highway 34 (including the right-of-way) approximately nine miles to Union County Road P43 (also named Twelve Mile Lake Road); thence north along Union County Road P43 (including the right-of-way) approximately seven miles, thence east on an unnumbered county road approximately four and one-half miles; thence south on an unnumbered county road to Union County Road H17, thence east along Union County Road H17 (including the right-of-way) to U.S. Highway 169; thence south along U.S. Highway 169 (including the right-of-way) to the point of beginning.

q. Area seventeen. Portions of Fremont and Mills Counties bounded as follows: Beginning at the Iowa-Nebraska state line along the Missouri River in Fremont County at the southwest corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 23, township 69 north, range 44 west; extending east approximately one-half mile to Fremont County Road J-26, thence six and one-half miles east on Fremont County Road J-26 (including the right-of-way) to the intersection with Fremont County Road L-44; thence northerly approximately ten miles on Fremont County Road L-44 (including the right-of-way) to the intersection with Fremont County Road J-10, thence approximately three miles northwest along the base of the Loess Hills to Mills County Road H-36 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, township 71 north, range 43 west, thence northerly approximately seven miles along Mills County Road H-36 (including the right-of-way) to the intersection with Iowa Highway 385; thence approximately two and one-fourth miles southwesterly along Iowa Highway 385 (including the right-of-way) to the intersection with U.S. Highway 34, thence approximately three miles west on U.S. Highway 34 (including the right-of-way) to the Iowa-Nebraska state line along the Missouri River, thence southerly along the state line approximately 20 miles to the point of beginning.

91.4(3) Forney Lake. The entire Forney Lake area, in Fremont County, north of the east-west county road, shall be closed to waterfowl hunting prior to the opening date for taking geese on the area each year.

571—91.5(481A) Canada goose hunting within closed areas.

91.5(1) Ruthven, Kettleston-Hogsback, Ingham Lake and Rice Lake closed areas.

a. Purpose. The hunting of Canada geese in closed areas is being undertaken to allow landowners or tenants who farm in these closed areas to hunt Canada geese on land they own or farm in the closed area.

b. Criteria.

(1) Landowners and tenants who own or farm land in the closed areas will be permitted to hunt Canada geese in the closed areas for three years. This experimental hunting opportunity will be evaluated by the landowners and the DNR following each season, at which time changes may be made.

(2) Landowners and those individuals named on the permit according to the criteria specified in paragraph (9) of this subrule will be permitted to hunt in the closed area. Tenants may obtain a permit instead of the landowner if the landowner transfers this privilege to the tenant. Landowners may choose, at their discretion, to include the tenant and those individuals of the tenant's family specified in paragraph (9) of this subrule on their permit. Landowners may assign the permit for their land to any landowner or tenant who owns or farms at least eight acres inside the closed area. Assigned permits must be signed by both the permittee and the landowner assigning the permit.

(3) Landowners must hold title to, or tenants must farm by a rent/share/lease arrangement, at least eight acres inside the closed area to qualify for a permit.

(4) No more than one permit will be issued to corporations, estates, or other legal associations that jointly own land in the closed area. No individual may obtain more than two permits nor may an individual be named as a participant on more than two permits.

(5) Persons holding a permit can hunt with those individuals named on their permit as specified in paragraph (9) of this subrule on any property they own (or rent/share/lease in the case of tenants) in the closed area provided their activity complies with all other regulations governing hunting. Nothing herein shall permit the hunting of Canada geese on public property within the closed area.

(6) Persons hunting under this permit must adhere to all municipal, county, state and federal regulations that are applicable to hunting and specifically applicable to Canada goose hunting including, but not limited to: daily limits, possession limits, shooting hours, methods of take, and transportation. Hunting as authorized by this rule shall not be used to stir or rally waterfowl.

(7) Hunting within the closed area will be allowed through October 15.

(8) Permit holders will be allowed to take eight Canada geese per year in the closed area.

(9) Permits will be issued only to individual landowners or tenants; however, permit holders must specify, when requesting a permit, the names of all other individuals qualified to hunt on the permit. Individuals qualified to hunt on the permit shall include the landowners or tenants and their spouses, children, children's spouses, grandchildren, siblings and siblings' spouses only.

c. Procedures.

(1) Permits can be obtained from the local conservation officer at the wildlife unit headquarters within the closed area at announced times, but no later than 48 hours before the first Canada goose season opens. The permit will be issued to an individual landowner or tenant and must list the names of all individuals that may hunt with the permittee. The permit will also contain a description of the property covered by the permit. The permit must be carried by a member of the hunting party whose name is listed on the permit. Conservation officers will keep a record of permittees and locations of properties that are covered by permits.

(2) Eight consecutively numbered tags will be issued with each permit. Geese will be tagged around the leg immediately upon being reduced to possession and will remain tagged until delivered to the person's abode. Within one week of the close of hunting within the closed area, unused tags must be turned in at the wildlife unit headquarters within the closed area or the permittee must report the number of geese killed. Failure to turn in unused tags or report the number of geese killed within the specified time period may result in the permittee's forfeiting the opportunity to hunt within the closed area the following year.

(3) No one may attempt to take Canada geese under this permit unless the person possesses an unused tag for the current year.

(4) No landowner or tenant shall be responsible or liable for violations committed by other individuals listed on the permit issued to the landowner or tenant.

91.5(2) Reserved.

571—91.6(481A) Youth waterfowl hunt. A special youth waterfowl hunt will be held statewide on September 26, 1998. Youth hunters must be 15 years old or younger. Each youth hunter must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older. The youth hunter does not need to have a hunting license or stamps. The adult must have a valid hunting license and habitat stamp if normally required to have them to hunt and a state waterfowl stamp. Only the youth hunter may shoot ducks, coots and Canada geese. The adult may hunt for any other game birds for which the season is open. The daily bag limits are the same as for the regular waterfowl season, as defined in subrule 91.1(1), except the season for snow geese will not be open. The possession limit is the same as the daily bag limit. All other hunting regulations in effect for the regular waterfowl season apply to the youth hunt.

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